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# H. R. 116

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Ms. FOXX introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Robo Calls Off Phones  
5       (Robo COP) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RECORDED MESSAGE**  
2 **PHONE CALLS PROHIBITED.**

3 (a) PROHIBITED.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
4 sion of law, the Federal Trade Commission shall, not later  
5 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
6 revise the do-not-call registry provisions of the Tele-  
7 marketing Sales Rule (16 C.F.R. 310.1 et seq.) to prohibit  
8 politically-oriented recorded message telephone calls to  
9 telephone numbers listed on that registry.

10 (b) DEFINITION OF POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RE-  
11 CORDED MESSAGE CALLS.—For purposes of this section,  
12 the term “politically-oriented recorded message telephone  
13 call” means any outbound telephone call—

14 (1) in which a person is not available to speak  
15 with the person answering the call, and the call in-  
16 stead plays a recorded message; and

17 (2) whose purpose is to promote, advertise,  
18 campaign, or solicit donations, for or against any po-  
19 litical candidate or regarding any political issue, or  
20 uses in the recorded message any political can-  
21 didate’s name.

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